



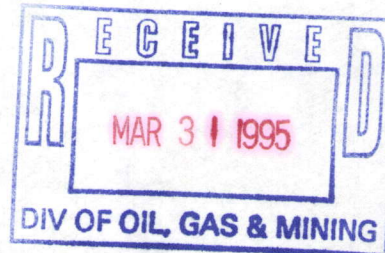
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Mr. Neal Mortensen
Western Clay Company
508 East Center
Aurora, Utah 84620



MAR 29 1995

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received and reviewed your plan of operations to expand your Last Chance bentonite mine in Emery County, Utah, and we have found it to be complete as of March 27, 1995. We will require an additional 60 days in order to hold a public comment period on the environmental assessment for the mine. We expect to have a decision within 90 days.

We are required to do a Section 7 consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the proposed mitigation of the proposed endangered cactus, Pediocactus winkerli. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's review may take longer than 90 days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely,

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